try including the State of Maharashtra on the applications sponsored by the State Government Agencies like District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), District Industries Centres (DIC) under the scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed youth (SEEUY) and urben Local Bodies (ULBs) like Municipalities and Corporations and District Urban Development Agencies (DUDA) under the scheme for urban Micro Enterprises (SUME). Banks provide loans to the eligible beneficiaries under these schemes, whose projects on scrutiny and appraisal are found viable and technically feasible by the banks. The progress on the flow of credit is reviewed at the meetings of the District Coordination Committee at the District level and Bankers Committee at the state level for taking suitable remedial measures wherever necessary.

Japan's insistance for financial reforms

2631. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tnat Japan has urged India to initiate more financial sector reforms;

(b) if so, whether Japanese Government has stated that India should maintain the pace of reforms on the lines of China, Russia and South Eastern countries;

(c) what are the main initiatives Japan wants India to take; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tenure of cashiers/Tellers in SBI

2632. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cashiers/Tellers are working in one branch for more than six years in various branches under the State Bank of India, Local Head Office, New Delhi;

(a) whether it is a fact that Cashier and a Teller in one branch;

(c) whether it is a fact that by allowing them to continue in one branch for more than six years they are developing vested interest; and

(d) wnat steps his Ministry would take to remove this vested interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

2633. [*Transferred to 26th August*, 1993]

Bank loans to newspapers groups.

2634. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the nationalised banks have advanced huge loans to some of the newspaper groups like Hindustan Times, Times of India, Indian Express, Business and Political Observer etc.;